

To Whom this may concern,

I am writing to share with you what an amazing service telehealth therapy has been to my son during these very scary times amidst COVID concerns.

Let me share with you a story about my son, Finnegan. Finnegan is 2.5 years old and we have struggled with his motor planning skills and his ability to communicate his needs to others. Once he was diagnosed with these issues, we found a fantastic speech therapy resource covered by insurance. The team has been great and when we had to continue his speech therapy via telehealth, the transition was seamless and the progress he has made is tremendous. To see your child smile and be proud of correctly saying a word, is an experience that would have only been possible by the telehealth services. If these services are taken away from him, it will be detrimental to his progress. I ask you to think about the negative impact taking away these telehealth services can have on our children. Telehealth therapy allows us to keep our children safe, while at the same time, ensuring their physical and mental well being is taken care of. If schools are looking to do remote learning, for the safety of our children, why wouldn't insurance companies, follow suit, and leverage telehealth as a way to keep us all healthy, amidst a time, when getting this virus, could ultimately lead to devastating consequences.

Regards,
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